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SUMMARY: LISBON PRESS SCORED THE AZOREAN SEPARATIST

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MOVEMENT FOR ADVOCATING NEUTRALITY FOR THE AZORES AND MADEIRA
IN RECENT SEPARATIST PUBLICATION. MENTION OF NEUTRALITY
REFLECTS SEPARATIST PIQUE WITH U.S. FOR NOT SUPPORTING
THEIR CAUSE, RATHER THAN A GENUINE SHIFT IN ATTITUDE. MORE
SIGNIFICANT THAN SEPARATIST ACTIVITIES WAS THE VISIT OF
AZOREAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT MOTA AMARAL
TO LISBON THIS WEEK FOR MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT

AND PRIME MINISTER. AMARAL SAID THERE WAS BROAD AGREEMENT ON POLICY TOWARD THE ISLANDS. END SUMMARY.

1. AZOREAN SEPARATISTS RAISE PROSPECT OF NEUTRALITY:
AZOREAN SEPARATIST NEWSPAPER "O MILHAFRE" OF JAN 25
REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

-- SUPPORT FOR NEUTRALITY: THE PREVIOUSLY UNHEARD OF
"POLITICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE AOZRES AND MADEIRA"
REPORTED THAT SEPARATISTS FROM THE TWO ARCHIPELAGOES,
MEETING IN FUNCHAL, HAD PROCLAIMED THEIR DESIRE" TO
KEEP THEIR TERRITORIES OUT OF THE STRUGGLE OF FORCES
AND TO OBTAIN AN INTERNATIONAL STATUTE OF NEUTRALITY
FOR THE AZORES AND MADEIRA."

-- PERSONAL GLORIFICATION OF JOSE ALMEIDA: SEPARATIST
LEADER JOSE ALMEIDA WAS PICTURED ADDRESSING PONTA
DELGADA CROWD FRAMED BY THE SLOGAN "ONE MAN, ONE PEOPLE, ONE
MOVEMENT OF LIBERATIONS" (REF A).

-- U.S. OPPOSES SEPARATISM: MARIO SOARES WAS CITED
AS SAYING DURING HIS BRAZIL TRIP THAT THE U.S. OPPOSES
THE AZOREAN SEPARATIST MOVEMENT.

2. PCI DELEGATION IN LISBON: PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST
PARTY OFFICIAL ORGAN "AVANTE" SAID GIULIANO PAJETTA,
MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) CENTRAL
COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR EMIGRATION HAD MET WITH
THE PCP IN LISBON. REPORTEDLY, A PCI DELEGATION WILL
VISIT LISBON SHORTLY TO PREPARE FOR A VISIT BY PCP
SECRETARY-GENERAL ALVARO CUNHAL TO ROME LATER THIS
MONTH (REF B).

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3. AZEVEDO FORMS NEW POLITICAL MOVEMENT: FORMER
PRIME MINISTER AZEVEDO ANNOUNCED FEB THE FORMATION
OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIAL MOVEMENT (MDS) (REF C).
AZEVEDO SAID THE MDS MIGHT BECOME A POLITICAL PARTY
IF IT ATTRACTED SUFFICIENT SUPPORT. HE SAID THE

MOVEMENT ADVOCATED NEITHER SOCIALISM NOR SOCIAL
DEMOCRACY, BUT SOUGHT TO FILL AN EMPTY SPACE ON
THE CENTER LEFT OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM. ON FEB 3
A PN SOURCE TOLD ALUSNA THAT IF AZEVEDO FORMED AN
ACTUAL POLITICAL PARTY, HE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO RESIGN
FROM THE NAVY.

4. COMMENT : THE SEPARATISTS' CALL OF NEUTRALITY
FOR THE AZORES IS A REFLECTION OF THEIR PIQUE WITH THE
U.S. FOR NOT SUPPORTING THEIR CAUSE. THE LISBON PRESS
SEIZED ON THE FAUX PAS TO DEMONSTRATE THE SEPARATISTS'
IRRESPONSIBILITY. JOSE ALMEIDA IN RECENT CONVERSATION

WITH AMCONSUL IN PONTA DELGADA REAFFIRMED HIS BELIEF THE AZORES BELONG IN THE U.S. ORBIT.

5. MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN THE SEPARATIST ACTIVITIES WAS THE VISIT OF REGIONAL GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT MOTA AMARAL TO LISBON THIS WEEK, WHERE HE MET WITH PRESIDENT EANES AND PRIME MINISTER SOARES. AMARAL CONDEMNED VIOLENCE IN THE AZORES AND REASSERTED HIS INSISTENCE ON PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT ON MEASURES AFFECTING THE ISLANDS. FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH SOARES, MOTA AMARAL SAID THAT THERE WAS A BROAD CONSENSUS OVER THE DEFINITION AND EXECUTION OF POLICY TOWARD THE ISLANDS. CARLUCCI

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